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Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith in accordance with 37 C.F.R. Section 1.97 and Section 1.99 are copies of the U.S. Patents listed in the attached list of prior art cited by applicant. It is felt that these prior art patents are material to examination of the above-identified application. It is therefore requested that these references be considered in examination of the application.

Patent No. 6,430,827 issued to Ruther; Patent No. 2,972,816 issued to Richardson; and Patent No. 746,070 issued to Gillner et al. are discussed in the application as filed.

Patent No. 4,958,441 issued to Bigelow concerns a center-punch block device wherein a main body includes a level typically mounted thereto within a slot transversely oriented with block and transversely arranged to an elongated "V" slot formed within a lowermost surface of the body to accept elongated workpieces.

Patent No. 3,568,322 issued to Showers concerns a combination measuring, marking, angle measuring, and arc-scribing instrument, including bubble levels.

Patent No. 4,700,489 issued to Vasile describes a square level measuring tool that provides a combination of several tools including a tape measure, levels, stud locator and marker, packaged into a single unit.

While the prior art identified in the foregoing paragraphs and listed in the attached form 1449A/PTO is believed pertinent to the examination of the present application, the novel design of the device of the present invention is believed different from and distinguishable over the prior art disclosed herein.

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